

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 16, 2002 commencing at 7:02 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock (arrived at 7:28 a.m.), Howard, Land, Nakanishi,
and Mayor Pennino

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, City Attorney Hays, and City Clerk Blackston

B. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE

City Clerk Blackston reviewed the weekly calendar (filed).

Announcements:

City Manager Flynn expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Prima and his staff for doing an outstanding job on the many ongoing capital projects.

Police Chief Adams announced that Captain Tobeck would be retiring on June 27.

C. TOPIC(S)

C-1 "Traffic Accident Rates"

Police Chief Adams reported that of the original \$329,000 Traffic Safety Grant, \$194,000 will be used for overtime related to DUI enforcement and traffic accident reduction, \$24,000 was used for a DUI trailer, and \$14,000 was for a radar trailer. The radar trailer is computerized and has the capability of producing a data printout, which can be given to residents that are concerned about traffic speed in their neighborhood. The Crossroads software that is used to track accident rates cost \$50,000. The department will also be providing 12,000 bicycle helmets free to youth. The remainder of the grant money was used for educational and promotional material.

With the aid of overheads (filed) Lieutenant J.P. Badel, Traffic Unit Supervisor, provided the following report. In a review of the traffic unit conducted in 1999 it was found that there was a significant increase in the alcohol and speed related fatal and injury collisions, as well as pedestrian and bicycle collisions. The Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System is a division of the California Highway Patrol, which compiles statistics related to traffic collision reports. Lt. Badel reviewed the following rankings from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS):

1998 – Lodi's ranking out of a total of 84 agencies:

- Fatal and injury collisions – 2nd
- Alcohol involved collisions – 2nd
- Speed related collisions – 2nd
- Nighttime collisions – 1st
- Pedestrian collisions – 9th
- Pedestrian collisions under age 15 years – 11th
- Bicyclist collisions – 3rd
- Bicyclist collisions under age 15 years – 1st

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In an effort to improve traffic accident rates, Lt. Badel stated that the department applied for an OTS grant and made internal changes in the traffic unit. Motor officers were assigned strictly to enforcement and handled only injury collisions. A fourth motor officer was added to the department. As a result, in 1999 Lodi's ranking out of 88 agencies improved to 5th for fatal and injury collisions and 17th for nighttime collisions. A bicycle citation diversion program was also added, which consists of a two-hour class for first-time offenders under the age of fifteen. The department's goal with the OTS grant was to reduce the 1999 rankings at least 10% by 2003. Lt. Badel believed that they will exceed this goal in every category.

Lt. Badel reported that there were 400 to 500 DUI arrests per year during the period of 1997-2000 and approximately 650 to 700 in 2001. The grant pays for the overtime of ten officers, one sergeant, and one lieutenant to conduct DUI checkpoints from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Twenty-four checkpoints will be held over the course of two years. There are 184 DUI enforcement operations, with two officers every Friday and Saturday evening. Once each quarter there are speed, pedestrian, and bicycle enforcement operations, in addition to 20 bike rodeos, which bike officers conduct at eight schools. At DUI checkpoints from April 2001 to March 2002 there were 16,000 vehicles screened, which resulted in arrests of 99 drunk drivers and 35 arrests for other charges. DUI enforcement operations from the same time period resulted in 286 arrests of drunk drivers. Of the DUI arrests, 58% were residents of other cities. The average blood alcohol content was 0.13. Predominantly, DUI collisions occur east of Stockton Street from Lockeford to Tokay Streets.

Mayor Pennino requested statistical information related to DUI arrests by age.

Lt. Badel reviewed statistics related to pedestrian, speed, and bicycle enforcement, as well as collisions by year, month, and day. In 1996 there were six fatal collisions, none in 1997, three in 1998-1999, and one in 2000. The top three primary collision factors for 2001 were right-of-way violations, speed, and improper turning.

In reply to Council Member Land, Lt. Badel explained that the Crossroads software is used by both the Police Department and Public Works Traffic Engineering.

Council Member Howard noted that the grant expires in a year and stated that it would be beneficial to continue the additional services the Police Department has instituted.

Lt. Badel replied that if the department shows significant improvement in traffic accident rates, it is unlikely that they would be selected again if they reapplied for the grant. He reported that over the course of two years the DUI checkpoints cost approximately \$84,000 with an additional \$112,000 for overtime related to DUI enforcement units. The department may address this in the next budget.

Council Member Nakanishi suggested that the Police Department share this data, e.g., the location of the majority of DUI collisions, with the Eastside Improvement Committee.

D. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

Mayor's & Council Member's Weekly Calendar

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2002

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

- 7:00 a.m. Shirtsleeve Session
1. Traffic Accident Rates
- 7:00 a.m. Special Meeting
1. Prospective lease of property located at 100 East Pine Street, (APN 043-072-01); the negotiating parties are the City of Lodi and the Lodi Adopt-A-Child Foundation; price and terms of the lease are under negotiation; Government Code §54956.8

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

- 8:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Pennino.** San Joaquin Partnership, UOP.
- 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting
(Note: Closed Session begins at 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Friday, April 19, 2002

- 7:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Pennino.** Valley Mountain Regional Center 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast, Wine and Roses (Garden Ballroom).

Saturday, April 20, 2002

- 10:00 a.m. **Pennino and Land.** Lodi Fallen Firefighters Memorial Dedication, with the grand opening and open house of Lodi Fire Station #4 to follow, 180 N. Lower Sacramento Road.



- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Pennino.** 80th Birthday celebration for Gwin Paden, 614 Palm Avenue. Mayor to present certificate.

- 6:00 p.m. **Pennino, Hitchcock, Howard, Nakanishi and Land.** Lodi Boys and Girls Club Annual Dinner and Auction.



Sunday, April 21, 2002

Monday, April 22, 2002

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City of Lodi Traffic Accident and DUI Report

Lodi Police Department
Traffic Unit
Lt. J.P. Badel

20.01-4 filed

December 1999 Review

- Significant increase in alcohol and speed related fatal and injury collisions
- Significant increase in pedestrian and bicycle collisions

OTS Rankings

- Collision reports go to CHP in Sacramento which is SWITRS
- OTS takes those statistics and develops rankings based upon population
- Lodi was grouped with 84 other cities in the 50,000 - 100,000 population range

OTS Rankings Continued

- Our review was based on 1997 rankings
- Shortly thereafter 1998 rankings came out which were higher
- Decided to apply for an OTS grant
- Grant proposals based upon 1998 rankings

1998 OTS Fatal & Injury Collision Rankings

Total Fatal & Injury	376	2/84
Alcohol Involved	33	2/84
Speed Related	89	2/84
Nighttime	38	1/84

1999 OTS Rankings Fatal & Injury Collision Rankings

Total Fatal & Injury	319	5/88
Alcohol Involved	28	6/88
Speed Related	75	15/88
Nighttime	24	17/88

1998 OTS Killed and Injured

Victims Rankings

Pedestrians	32	9/84
Pedestrians < 15	11	11/84
Bicyclists	46	3/84
Bicyclists < 15	22	1/84

1999 OTS Killed and Injured

Victim Rankings

Pedestrians	23	26/88
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Pedestrians < 15	11	10/88
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Bicyclists	44	5/88
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Bicyclists < 15	13	5/88
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DUI Arrests Rankings

■ 1997	83 of 83
■ 1998	83 of 84
■ 1999	86 of 88

DUI Arrests

1997	433
1998	535
1999	466
2000	524

How We Compare in DUI Arrests

	1998	1999
Lodi PD	535	466
Stockton PD	598	545
Concord PD	403	508
Vacaville PD	288	265
Vallejo PD	228	366

Traffic Safety Initiative Grant

- \$329,000 Grant
- Overall goal is to reduce each 1999 OTS ranking category by at least 10% by 2003
- Enforcement
- Equipment
- Education

DUI Checkpoints

- 24 of them in 2 years
- 1 Sgt & 10 Officers
- 1900-0300
- One Checkpoint per month

DUI Enforcement Units

- 184 DUI Enforcement Operations
- 2 Officers every Friday and Saturday night except Checkpoint nights
- 1900-0300

Additional Operations

- Minimum of one Speed Enforcement Operation per quarter
- Minimum of one Pedestrian Enforcement Operation per quarter
- Minimum of one Bicycle Enforcement Operation per quarter
- 20 Bike Rodeos at 8 schools

12 DUI Checkpoints

April 2001 - March 2002

Vehicles Screened	16,057
Field Sobriety Tests	216
DUI Arrests	99
Other Arrests	35

DUI Enforcement Operations

April 2001 - March 2002

Vehicles Stopped	1,767
Field Sobriety Tests	503
DUI Arrests	286
Other Arrests	199

Misc Information

- 58% of DUI arrests are citizens in other cities
- 42% of DUI arrests are City of Lodi residents
- Average BAC is .13

Pedestrian Enforcement

April 2001 - March 2002

Vehicles Stopped	121
Peds Stopped	22
Drivers Cited	97
Peds Cited	11

Speed Enforcement

April 2001 - March 2002

Vehicles Stopped	246
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Speed Citations	185
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Bicycle Enforcement

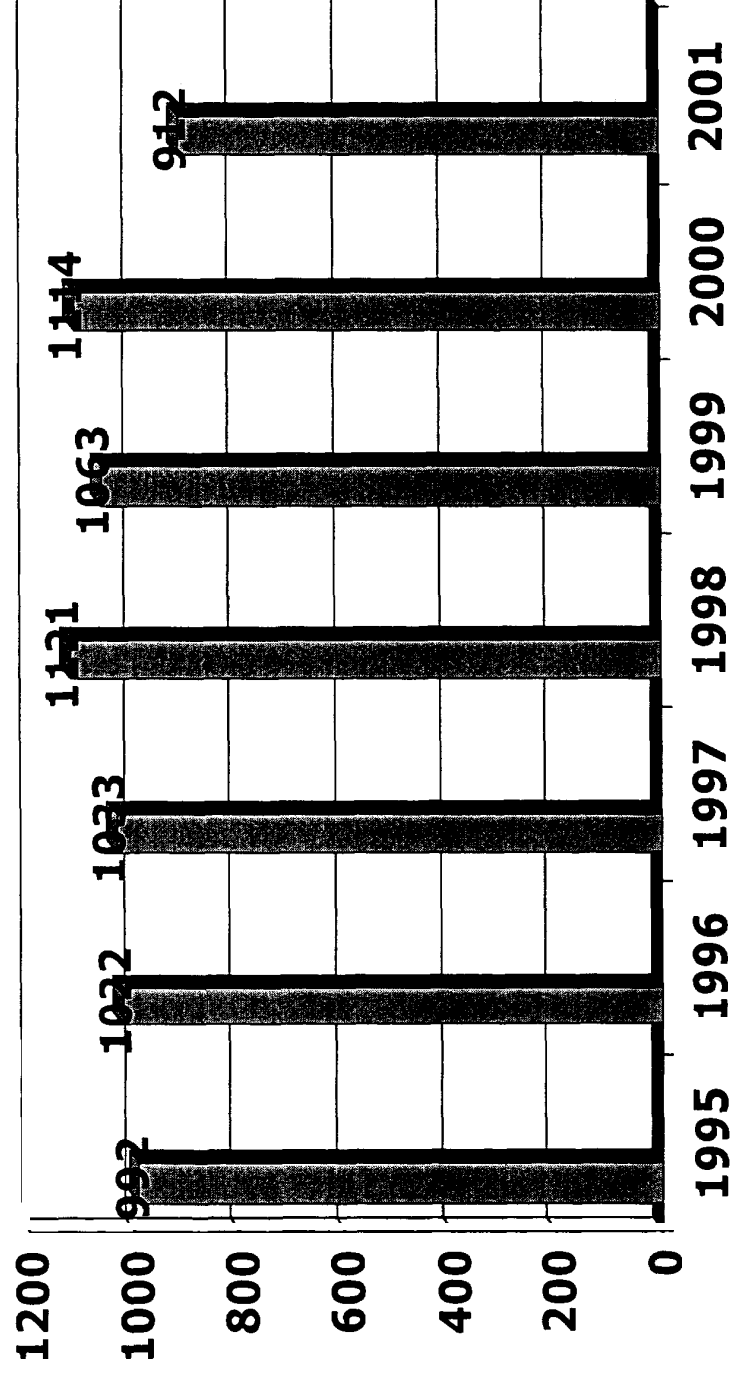
April 2001 - March 2002

Bicyclists Stopped 215

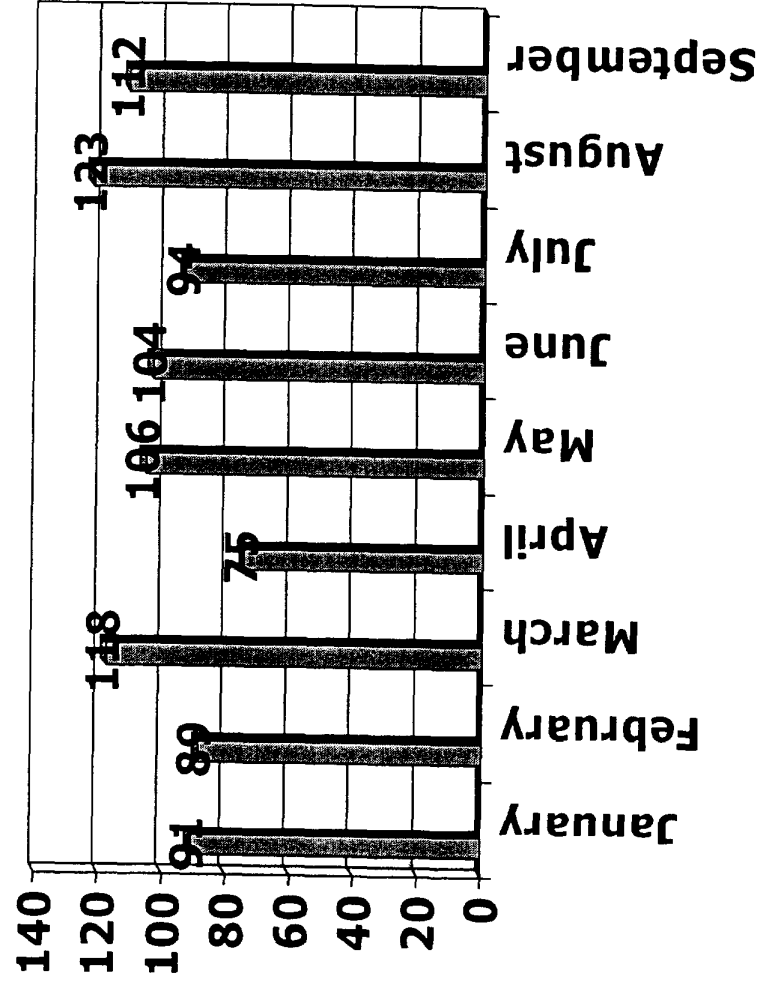
Bicyclists Cited 139

Juveniles Cited 126

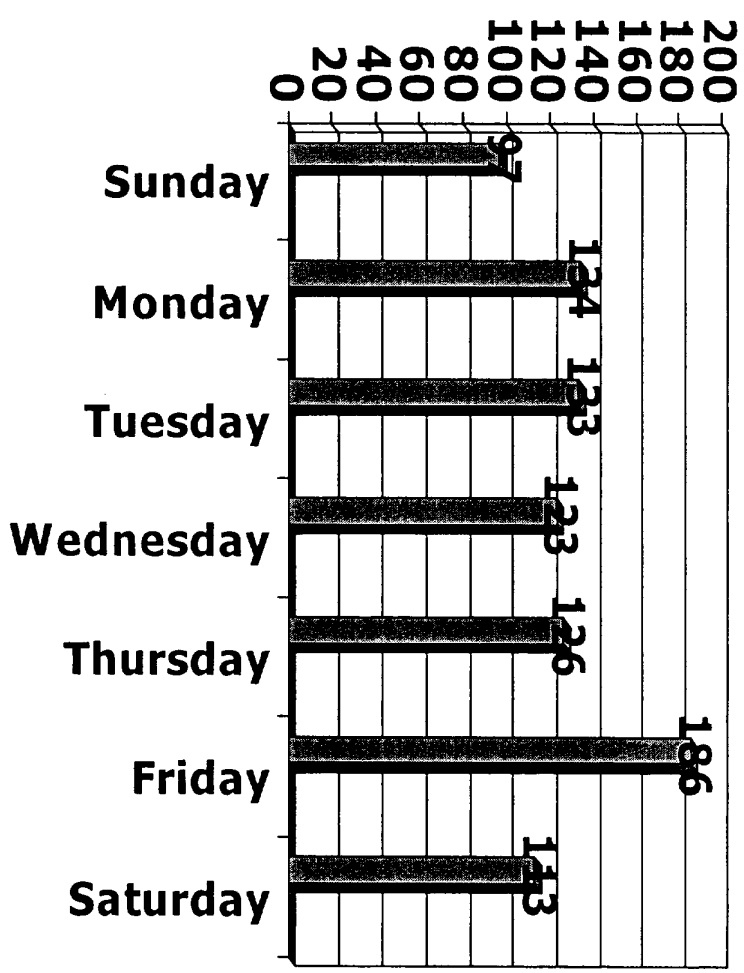
Collisions By Year



Collisions By Month



Collisions By Day



2001 Top Primary Collision Factors

Right of Way 191 21%

Speed 154 17%

Improper
Turning 135 15%

Current Trend

- Nationwide DUI fatal collisions are up
- First increase in 5 years
- 40% of all Fataals involve alcohol
- Complacency has set in
- Lodi has not had any DUI fataals in 2001 - 2002
- Additional enforcement has a positive impact on reducing collisions and DUI

Where is Lodi PD Headed

- 12 more months of OTS Grant
- Continue with DUI & PCF enforcement
- Public Service Announcements
- Educational and Promotions Material

Invitation

- DUI Checkpoints
- DUI Enforcement Units
- Special Enforcement Operations
- Statistics only tell part of the story
- Cannot quantify what you prevent